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FOLLOWING IS FINLAND'S MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS RESPONSE
TO THE EIGHT QUESTIONS POSED IN REFTEL. OUR IMPRESSION IS
THAT THE FINNS ARE NOT VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE EXPORT
OF STRATEGIC MATERIALS, AS VERY LITTLE IS PRODUCED
DOMESTICALLY OR EVEN EXPORTED. LEGISLATION AND DEFINITION
OF STRATEGIC ITEMS ARE SELF-ADMITTEDLY DATED. THE FINNISH
RESPONSES ARE KEYED TO THE REFTEL SEQUENCE OF QUESTIONS.

1. ANY EXPORT OF STRATEGIC GOODS FROM FINLAND IS SUBJECT
TO THE EXPORT OF STRATEGIC GOODS ACT OF 1938 (REF. ASK
318/38) AND A SIMULTANEOUSLY PASSED DECREE ON THE SAME
SUBJECT (REF. ASK 319/38). THE DECREE WAS AMENDED ON
24 MAY 1940 SO THAT MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE
EXPORT OF STRATEGIC GOODS WERE TO BE DEALT WITH BY THE
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (REF. ASK 242/40). A DECREE PASSED
ON 30 SEPTEMBER 1955 (REF. ASK 408/55) ENABLED THE
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE TO ISSUE EXPORT LICENSES FOR THE
EXPORT OF SAMPLES OR OTHER SMALL QUANTITIES OF
STRATEGIC GOODS.

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2. THE COUNCIL OF STATE GRANTS EXPORT LICENSES
SUBJECT TO THE EXCEPTIONS REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 1.
A SEPARATE STATEMENT FROM THE MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN
AFFAIRS IS REQUIRED IN EACH CASE. ACTUAL CONTROL IS
EXERCISED, IN ADDITION TO THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, BY
THE BOARD OF CUSTOMS WHICH FUNCTIONS UNDER THE

MINISTRY OF FINANCE.

3. THE AUTHORITIES GRANTING THE EXPORT LICENSES I.E.
THE COUNCIL OF STATE AND THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, ARE
PURELY ADMINISTRATIVE BODIES.

4. THE DECREE REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 1 (REF. ASK
310/38) GIVES DETAILED IF SOMEWHAT OUT-DATED DEFINITIONS
OF THE EQUIPMENT AND COMMODITIES COVERED BY THE TERM
"STRATEGIC GOODS".

5. FINLAND IS SATISFIED WITH ITS CONTROL ACTIVITIES.

6. YES

7. THE ACTS AND DECREES REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 1
ABOVE DO NOT PROVIDE FOR CONTROL OF THE EXPORT OF
TECHNOLOGY, BUT AN OBLIGATION TO THAT EFFECT MAY
DERIVE FROM INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS OR UN RESOLUTIONS.

8. ALL GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS ARE AFFECTED.
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